

OPPOSITION LAUNCHED AGAINST HOUSE REAPPORTIONMENT

MINORITY REPORT SCORES INCREASE TO 483 MEMBERS

Cry of Economy Again Is Raised; No Efficiency Gained Is Charge.

The vigorous opposition of many members of the House to increasing the membership of that body from 385 to 483 as proposed by the majority report of the House Census Committee took definite form yesterday. Six members of the committee, including three Republicans and three Democrats, filed in the House a minority report attacking the proposed increase in the membership of the Lower Body of Congress on the grounds that it would entail greater governmental expenditures and would seriously interfere with the efficient transaction of business in the House.

The Republicans who signed the report were Fairfield, of Indiana; Glynn, of Connecticut; Barbour, of California; the Democrats, Larsen, of Georgia; Stephens, of Mississippi, and Brison, of North Carolina. The views set forth in the report epitomize the privately expressed sentiments of large numbers of House members.

Would Keep Present Quota. The report recommends that the present membership of 385 be maintained. It expresses the view that "popular opinion is opposed to any increase whatsoever" and that "the efficiency of the House will be increased by adding to its membership."

"There is no public service that can be rendered by 483 members that cannot be rendered just as efficiently by 385," it says. "The duties of members have materially increased during the past ten years in favor of an enlarged membership. The House should be considered in the light of the work required of its members."

According to the report, the construction of a new building costing \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 would be necessary to accommodate the proposed additional membership. Other expenses, it said, would amount to more than \$1,000,000.

States Equally Represented. The report points out that without increased membership the States maintain "that proportional representation to which they are entitled." It urges that "it is unwise that the membership of the House should be determined by the population of the slowest growing States."

"We do not believe that the proposal of a Constitutional amendment limiting the membership of the House to 500 should be considered at this time," the report states. "It would be unwise for us to attempt to determine the membership of the House for all future time. Under ordinary conditions the population of this nation within the next thirty years will be at least 150,000,000, hence we view the direction of the report in ordering its chairman to report a bill proposing to limit the membership of the House in the future to 500 members as an admission of the entire committee that the present proposed increase is unwarranted."

CORK MAYOR WILL BE HERE TUESDAY

Donal O'Callaghan Coming to Testify Before Irish Commission.

Donal J. O'Callaghan, lord mayor of Cork, will come to Washington Tuesday to testify before the Irish commission, according to plans announced last night by Peter A. Drury, president of the Merchants Bank of Washington, who will be one of the committee to arrange for O'Callaghan's reception. O'Callaghan left Norfolk at 7 o'clock last night for Baltimore, where he will be met this morning by a large delegation of Irish sympathizers, including branches of the Friends of Irish Freedom and Ancient Order of Hibernians. The Boys Industrial Band will head the escort to the hotel where a reception will be held. Mayor O'Callaghan, according to plans announced yesterday, will testify before the committee of 100 Tuesday. Judge Joseph T. Lawless, of Norfolk, his attorney, will probably reach Washington tomorrow to confer with Secretary Wilson and officers of the Immigration Bureau on the appeal against the deportation order issued at Newport News. Accompanying O'Callaghan yesterday were: Peter MacSwiney, his companion on the clandestine trip across the Atlantic; J. S. Pawlitt, of New York, consul-general of the "Irish republic" in this country; and Judge Lawless.

Navy Holiday Called British Propaganda

Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Acting Secretary of State Norman Davis today held a conference on the proposed "naval holiday." While naval officers generally suspect Great Britain of conceiving the "naval holiday" plan the State Department had no information to the effect that the British had made formal advances to this country on the question of an understanding between the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Secretary Daniels said today that he knew of no administrative official who stood for the "naval holiday" program and that Congress would soon learn in whose interest such a "naval crime" would be committed. "Unless British propaganda puts across the so-called 'naval holiday' for a permanent cessation of naval building construction, it will be humanly impossible for her to retain the supremacy of the seas after 1923. England's first line fighting tonnage will be 384,000 tons, as against 1,118,000 tons first line fighting ships in the American navy," said Representative Fred A. Britten, Republican, of Illinois. "Any endeavor at this time to belittle the American navy," Representative Britten added, "and to show the futility of our competing with England on the high seas, is merely throwing sand in the eyes of the American public, so that they will not see British deception."

Says Post Helps Aliens to Avoid Passport Laws

Charges that the Assistant Secretary of Labor, Louis F. Post, is deliberately disregarding passport regulations and is permitting undesirable aliens to enter this country were made in the House yesterday by Representative Newton, Republican, of Minnesota.

Coincidentally, Representative Johnson, of Washington, chairman of the House Immigration Committee, introduced a bill amending the war-time passport control act. The amendment would continue the act in force for another year. It expires March 4, 1921.

Discussing the reason for the amendment, Representative Johnson said that he was apprehensive that his bill to prohibit all immigration for a year would be held up in the Senate until after the expiration of the passport control war-time act which would leave the country's doors wide open to immigrants. The amendment, he said, is intended to prevent such a possibility. In his attack on Secretary Post, Representative Newton called attention to the act of May, 1918, requiring rigid visas on passports. Under this act, whose restrictions Representative Johnson proposes to continue for another year, the State Department, Mr. Newton said, had issued instructions to all consular and diplomatic officers to issue passports and had forbidden the Secretary of Labor or his subordinates to admit aliens without passports that had not been properly issued.

LA FOLLETTE FLAYS ANTI-STRIKE LAWS

Declares Railroads Have Gone Back to New Haven Probe Days.

Senator La Follette announced yesterday he would call up tomorrow his motion for a reconsideration of the vote by which the Pointexter anti-strike bill recently passed the Senate.

The Senator will couple with his vigorous attack on the anti-strike measure, which slipped through December 16 without a dissenting attention to its sweeping effect, a bitter denunciation of all recently enacted railroad legislation, including the Esch-Cummings act and the voiced resolution providing for further suspension of the section of the Clayton act prohibiting railroads from buying supplies from concerns whose directors are interlocking with their own.

Under the Esch-Cummings act, Senator La Follette declared, the railroads have gone back to practices similar to those revealed by the New Haven investigation. These practices, he said, are responsible for "the extortionate costs of railroad service."

"Railroad labor is being baited and accused of the grossest shortcomings and high costs of the present service. The Association of Railway Executives has given notice that it will no longer abide by decisions of the Railway Wage Board in treating with its men, which is tantamount to denying the men any share in determining their wages or working conditions."

"I am utterly opposed to the Pointexter bill passed recently by the Senate, which is practically a blanket injunction against all strikes, and denies labor the use of its most effective weapon against abuses."

FR. DOMINIC GUILTY OF IRISH ACTIVITY

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.—Rev. Fr. Dominic MacSwiney, chaplain to the late Lord Mayor MacSwiney, was found guilty here today of statements "calculated to cause disaffection to the King." The verdict was found in a general court-martial, the evidence being entries in the priest's notebook and a letter.

Reading the priest's alleged notes and the letter created a sensation in the courtroom. The letter excoriated the activities of the crown forces in Ireland and declared the Sunday on which fourteen British officers were killed was "a terrible but wonderful day."

"The boys got the leaders of the Black and Tans and sent them the way of the just," the note continued. The letter declared that the raid on Croke Park which followed the murders was ordered by commanders of the military forces. Under the "crimes act," military courts have jurisdiction in all matters and can inflict the harshest penalties. Sentence on Fr. Dominic was not announced.

Legless Editor Freed By Kidnapper Gang

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 8 (United Press).—After having been held captive at the point of a gun for eleven days in a Chicago convict den, Jacques Villard, the legless editor of a Polish magazine published in St. Louis, is today at home with Mrs. Villard and their 4-year-old daughter. Villard, released yesterday by the kidnappers, telegraphed his wife from Chicago last night that he was free. At 8:15 this morning he arrived here.

Michigan State Society Seventeen New Members

At a meeting of the Michigan State Society held last night at the Wilson Normal School the following were elected members: Era L. Patterson, Anna M. Foster, S. Lane, Donald Scott, Smith, J. E. Smith, L. S. Hubert, George D. Miller, James Cowell, Halek Pine, L. W. Patterson, Edna S. Smith, E. Blumenstock, S. L. Edwards, William Lawless, R. Duff, L. E. Hansen and Evelyn G. Duff. Meetings hereafter will be held the second and fourth Saturdays.

What Congress Did Yesterday

SENATE. Called to order at 12 o'clock and adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Monday.

La Follette announced he would ask for reconsideration of the anti-strike bill Monday, if business of the Senate permits.

Nitrate discussion resumed by Senator Smith of South Carolina, Groves, Williams, Heflin, Stanley and others.

Committee hearings: Appropriations (District bill), Privileges and Elections (Ford-Newberry case), Naval Affairs (joint meeting on Pacific Coast project), Finance (hearing on tariff), Interstate Commerce, Banking and Currency.

Bills and Amendments. Jones, Washington.—Bill to amend the agricultural tariff law to provide revenue.

France, Maryland.—Amendment to the District of Columbia code in relation to forcible entry and detainer; also joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive for instruction at Annapolis Prince George D'Obolensky of Russia.

New, Indiana.—Joint resolution to provide for maintenance and regulation of public order at the inaugural.

Nelson, Minnesota.—Two bills to amend the Judicial code.

Copper, Kansas.—Bill for the election of delegates and other officials of the District of Columbia.

La Follette, Wisconsin.—Joint resolution restraining steps looking to further allotment of land in Bad River reservation, Wisconsin.

Gore, Oklahoma.—Bill to amend the reserve act of 1918.

HOUSE. Met at 12 m. and adjourned at 5:10 p.m. until noon Monday.

Passed postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$572,674,721, after eliminating \$1,250,000 for air mail service.

Six members of census committee filed minority report on Segel re-apportionment bill opposing any increase in House membership.

House and Senate committee on Pacific naval bases considered sites for naval base on Pacific Coast.

Ways and Means committee continued tariff hearings with representatives of drug interests as witness for investigation of fire at Walter Reed Hospital.

Appropriation subcommittee continued consideration of army, agriculture and deficiency appropriation bills.

Rivers and Harbors committee considered minor rivers and harbors bills.

Agricultural committee heard Benjamin C. Marsh, of Farmers' National Council, on bill prohibiting gambling in farm products futures.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee continued hearings on immigration bill, executive.

Rules committee held hearings on resolution of McLeod, Michigan, for investigation fire at Walter Reed Hospital.

Indian Affairs committee considered bill for the relief of certain officers of Marine Corps on account of disabilities contracted in line of duty.

Reed, Maine.—To recover value of public property lost by persons in naval service through abuse or neglect.

Summers, Texas.—Authorizing and directing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a farm produce exchange system.

Lufkin, Massachusetts.—To authorize the President to classify and name vessels of the navy.

Valle, Colorado.—For the relief of volunteer officers and soldiers who served in the Philippines beyond the period of enlistment.

House Committees, Monday. Appropriations, full committee on immigration bill opening bill, executive.

Army, Deficiency, Agricultural and Diplomatic subcommittees. Naval, personnel legislation, 10:30, open.

Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Panama Canal, Gov. Hardy, 10, open.

Executive War Department, Howard, Muscle Shoals, 11, open.

Reform Civil Service, reclassification bill, 10:30, executive.

Penrose Sees Anti-Moore Men In Hotel Suite

An unusual number of Pennsylvania politicians came to Washington yesterday to "pay their respects" to Senator Penrose. They protested in all seriousness that their calls were "purely social."

The Senator repelled every attempt to draw him out as to the bearing of the conferences on the fight Mayor Moore is making in Philadelphia. All of the callers gave the impression of having learned well their allotted lines about the nature of their visits.

Penrose professed to be engrossed with affairs of the Finance Committee of the Senate. He was willing to discuss probability of a reapportionment bill in the legislature by which four Representatives-at-large would be assigned districts. He said the possibility of Pennsylvania obtaining four additional members of the national House under the new census would not lead to action until such a bill had passed Congress.

SUBMIT REVISION PLANS FOR TAXES

Dry Goods Association Would Have Minimum Income Levy of \$5 on All.

A plan of general tax revision providing greater income tax exemptions for the mass of average salary was presented to the House Ways and Means Committee yesterday by the National Retail Dry Goods Association.

The proposal differentiates between the salary or wage made by the mental or physical effort of an individual and the profits made by capital and business. On the latter a tax of 10 per cent would be levied while for the former the present income tax rates would prevail, with the greater exemptions.

Other proposals were: A sales tax of 1 per cent; a minimum income tax of \$5 on every person above 21 years of age; repeal of the excess profits tax, surtaxes on individuals, transportation, insurance, admission, lodge and club dues, stamp, postal stock and non-alcoholic beverage levies.

"It is estimated," a statement of the association said, "that because of the pyramiding of taxes under the present law that at least 25 cents of each dollar spent is occasioned by taxes. The plan presented would reduce the tax content of the consumer's dollar by at least one-third."

The association would have the income tax exemptions \$2,500 for single persons and from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for heads of families. Exemptions for children would be \$500 instead of \$200 as at present.

Argentine women are fast getting the reputation of being the leaders of the world's fashions.

SENATE LIKELY TO RESTORE FUND TO AID WAR VETS

Efforts to Be Made to Put Back \$100,000,000 Cut By House.

Determined efforts will be made in the Senate to restore in the sundry civil bill the \$100,000,000 slashed by the House from the appropriations asked for the care of disabled veterans of the world war, it was announced yesterday by Senators Trammel, of Florida, and Ashurst, of Arizona.

If the cuts are permitted to stand it is estimated that less than \$20,000,000 will be available to care for 30,000 badly wounded soldiers, many of whom are utterly unable to engage in any wage-earning vocation.

A total of \$323,000,000 was asked for various forms of soldier relief. The House Committee cut this amount to \$223,000,000, which is \$100,000,000 less than was appropriated last year.

Ashurst Denounces Action. Such treatment of our wounded soldiers was denounced as an outrage by Senator Ashurst. He said: "The callousness of such treatment for our wounded men, who have given their all for us on the battlefields of Europe is almost incredible. I have been investigating this question for the past week and have been amazed by my discoveries."

Surgeon General Cummings told me that he needed \$32,000,000 to construct additional quarters for our wounded men. I asked him how much he received from Congress for this purpose.

"Not a cent," he replied. "Republicans are said to be ungrateful, but if the Senate permits this situation to remain unchanged, we will be convicted as a nation of the most incredible ingratitude. I will do all I can to arouse the conscience of my colleagues against the baseness of such ingratitude."

"Those who risked their lives, but came out of the war sound in limb and health have earned our undying gratitude. How much more do we owe the men who have paid the dearest price for their services to the nation?"

Trammel's Statement. Senator Trammel said: "By what process of reasoning the House arrived at the determination to cut the appropriations for the care of our disabled veterans to a pittance I do not know. But I feel it my duty to do everything in my power to restore the amount to a figure adequate to care for the wounded men and fit them as far as possible to regain their health and ability to support themselves."

"We are forced to economize wherever economy is possible. But economy that turns our disabled war heroes out into the world without provision and without hope would be revolting to the conscience of the nation."

HINT NECESSITY OF CUBAN PROBE

Sentiment Develops Among Senators That Island Trip Will Be Taken.

Senatorial investigation of conditions in Cuba loomed stronger yesterday as a result of further informal conferences among leaders of the Senate.

"Such an inquiry probably will be necessary," said Senator Johnson, chairman of the Cuban Relations Committee, which would conduct the probe.

Discussion of the subject among Senators on both sides revealed a strong sentiment in favor of the movement to gather information on actual conditions in Cuba for the benefit of the Senate.

Definite decision on the question of reporting out a resolution authorizing an investigation will be reached at a meeting of the Cuban Relations Committee early this week, Chairman Johnson said.

"The suggestion for an investigation by members of the Senate Cuban Relations Committee has come from a number of prominent Cubans, both in Cuba and resident in this country," said Senator Johnson. "Apparently there is a bad situation in the little republic, and a careful investigation of the whole economic and political situation by ourselves, recognized by Cubans as her sincere friend, probably will be necessary."

"America has the friendliest feelings for Cuba, and her proximity to our shores makes her interests in Cuba of the greatest importance. If an investigation is undertaken, it will be solely for the purpose of putting Cuba on her feet again."

Ask \$3,500,000 to Fight Swine and Kine Disease

Appropriations of at least \$3,500,000 to assist the States in the eradication of tuberculosis among cattle and horses were asked of the House Appropriations Committee yesterday by representatives of farmers' organizations.

Witnesses appearing were John Thompson, editor of the Iowa Homestead, Des Moines; J. R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; T. O. Price, Department of Agriculture, New York State; and Everett C. Brown, national livestock exchange.

Tuberculosis among livestock causes an annual loss of about \$40,000,000, with 10.9 per cent of all hogs slaughtered being disqualified because of it, Brown said.

Continual Improvement Seen in Cardinal's Health

BALTIMORE, Jan. 8.—A marked improvement in Cardinal Gibbons' condition has been noted since he returned from Union Mills, it was said at his residence today. He slept well last night as he has every night since being brought back to the city. Thought greatly improved the prelate will be kept in bed for the present at the orders of his physician, Dr. Charles O'Donovan, who fears a setback if the cardinal moves about before he has fully recovered.

AUTOS FIGURE IN ACCIDENTS

Several Traffic Mishaps Were Reported to the Police Saturday.

Automobiles and street cars figured in three accidents yesterday according to reports received by the police.

An automobile operated by Thomas L. Edwards, of 5544 Georgia avenue northwest, collided with a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company at Georgia avenue and Emerson street northwest. Edwards suffered slight cuts on the head and face from flying glass and was taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

The automobile of Joseph Truitt, 312 Taylor street northwest, was badly damaged, according to the police, when it was struck by a street car of the Capital Traction Company near Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

An automobile operated by Martin Rieman, 810 First street northwest, collided at Fifth and P streets northwest with a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Company. The automobile was slightly damaged.

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33 Skirts of all-wool, newest plaids in a number of different styles and colors. Worth up to \$12.50. \$5.95

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